

Pilots Ordered To Shoot Back

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The United States weighed stiff new protests to Communist Czechoslovakia today as shoot-back orders were issued to American pilots to counter any future hit-and-run attacks by Red fighter planes in Europe.

No open break in diplomatic relations appeared imminent.

Nevertheless, American officials took a stern view of the latest international incident which erupted yesterday when two Soviet-built MIG-15 jet fighters from Czechoslovakia shot down a much slower U.S. F-84 Thunderbolt 15 miles inside American-occupied Bavaria in Germany. A companion U.S. plane escaped unharmed.

Demands Named

At the State Department, officials said an initial protest addressed to the Czech government yesterday was undoubtedly just the first step in a series of protest actions.

Informants said the next step may be a double-barreled demand on Czechoslovakia for:

1. A formal apology.
2. Cash indemnity for the loss of the U.S. plane.

Czech Denial

Putting teeth behind these diplomatic maneuvers, the U.S. Air Force announced at Wiesbaden, Germany, that American pilots will shoot back the next time Communist planes invade Allied-occupied Western Germany and attack U.S. aircraft.

With tension rising, the Moscow-dominated Czechs quickly rejected even the preliminary American protest. The Prague radio said this afternoon that a counter-protest had been handed to American Ambassador George Wadsworth, alleging that the two U.S. planes "insolently" violated Czech territory.

More Police on 'Pike'

HARRISBURG, March 11 (AP)—A recommendation by Col. C. M. Wilhelm, state police commissioner, that the number of state police patrolling the Pennsylvania Turnpike be boosted to 100 highlighted the close of a series of legislative hearings on turnpike safety conditions here today.

Roosevelt Asks Oust Of Velde

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)

—Rep. Roosevelt (D-N.Y.) called on the house today to oust Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) as chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee. He charged that Velde's actions reflect on the integrity of all House members and raise a threat to freedom of religion.

Roosevelt's resolution centered on what it called Velde's "admittedly false and careless accusations" against Mrs. Agnes Meyer, wife of the board chairman of the Washington Post, and Velde's comments about the possibility of an investigation of alleged Communist activity by clergymen.

Velde issued a statement later in the day saying Roosevelt's move "was intended to discredit me personally and to impede the progress of the work being done by the committee."

He has withdrawn his statements about Mrs. Meyer and fired a committee staff member who he said gave him erroneous information. And he has soft-pedaled on the Reds-in-churches inquiry idea since it touched off a quick revolt within the Un-American Activities Committee itself.

Roosevelt's resolution was referred to the heavily-Republican House Rules Committee. That group, under the chairmanship of Rep. Allen (R-Ill.), can bottle up measures the chamber's leaders do not want on the floor.

Committee Hits 'Accrued Leave'

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)

—A House subcommittee reported today that officials of the Truman administration, in "a flagrant example of executive malpractice," collected more than \$700,000 for accrued annual leave before leaving office.

Officials of the Civil Service Commission countered with a statement that Public Law No. 25, enacted Dec. 21, 1944, provides that when any employee of the government leaves he can be paid in one lump sum all accumulated annual and vacation leave.

The House report listed eight Cabinet members among those who turned their accrued leave into cash in violation "of the intent of Congress." It also called attention to a regulation approved by Congress last year which requires all federal employees to take their leave annually or forfeit it at the end of the year.

Business Groups Oppose Chesterman Suggestion

HARRISBURG, March 11 (AP)

Business organizations today opposed a Chesterman recommendation to abolish commerce department programs dealing with industrial development and tourist and recreational advertising.

The opposition was led by the Tourists' Advisory Committee, the commerce department, and the Community Development Committee of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

Halt Korean Fighting

SEOUL, Thursday, March 12 (AP)

—The Korean War ground to a virtual halt Wednesday with lashing rains and snow limiting action to small but sharp patrol clashes.

Woman Sergeant Boss At Hancock

SYRACUSE, N.Y., March 11 (AP)

—A woman top kick is giving the orders now in an Air Force headquarters squadron section comprised of about 450 airmen and women—mostly men.

Pretty, red-haired Elizabeth L. Kealy, took over the post of first sergeant at Hancock Field during his absence.

McDonald Becomes Steelworkers Head

PITTSBURGH, March 11 (AP)

—David J. McDonald, who learned trade unionism as the late Philip Murray's secretary, followed his teacher into the presidency of the United Steelworkers today with a promise to make his union the largest in the CIO.

The 50-year-old Pittsburgher moved up from USW secretary-treasurer to become the second head the 1,127,000-member union has had since its founding in 1936.



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